

MAT4EU – Press Release

Advanced Materials for a Sustainable European Future

The MAT4EU project has officially started, with the aim of strengthening the European advanced materials ecosystem and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in developing innovative and sustainable solutions.

Advanced materials are key to Europe’s industrial competitiveness and the green and digital transitions. They are widely used across sectors such as energy, electronics, construction, mobility, aerospace and healthcare, enabling technological breakthroughs and sustainable innovation.







Strengthening the European Advanced Materials Ecosystem

The MAT4EU project aims to structure and connect the European advanced materials ecosystem by bringing together six European clusters representing different regions and industrial specialisations.

By leveraging their regional strengths and established networks, the consortium will work to foster collaboration, accelerate innovation, and support the internationalisation of European SMEs active in advanced materials.

The consortium includes partners from France, Spain, Poland, Lithuania, Denmark and Germany.

Together, these organisations represent key actors in the European advanced materials ecosystem.

-  **France**
POLYMERIS
Project coordinator
-  **Spain**
Advanced Materials Cluster of Catalonia
-  **Poland**
Bydgoszcz Industrial Cluster
Tool Valley
-  **Lithuania**
LINPRA – Engineering and Technology
Industries Association of Lithuania
-  **Denmark**
Plast Center Danmark
-  **Germany**
RKW Sachsen



Supporting SMEs Through Cascade Funding

MAT4EU will support **up to 46 European SMEs** through cascade funding opportunities designed to accelerate innovation and strengthen competitiveness. Two open calls will be organised.

1st OPEN CALL

SMEs will apply for projects with an overall budget of



80k€

75% cascade funding up to **60k€**

2nd OPEN CALL

SMEs will apply for projects with an overall budget of



45k€

75% cascade funding up to **33,750€**

These projects will help SMEs develop new products, services, and processes using advanced materials while strengthening their sustainability and digitalisation capabilities.

Focus on Strategic Industrial Sectors

The project will support innovation across **six important industrial sectors**:



Mobility



Aerospace & Defence



Construction



Agri-food Packaging



Renewable energy



Health

In addition, MAT4EU focuses on **four key advanced material groups**:



Polymers



Metal



Composites



Ceramics

Facilitating Market Access and Skills Development

Beyond financial support, MAT4EU will provide training and capacity-building activities tailored to the needs of European and regional advanced materials ecosystems. These activities will help SMEs strengthen their innovation capabilities and develop new skills.

The project will also facilitate **access to global supply chains and international markets**, enabling SMEs to expand their business opportunities and strengthen their role in the European industrial value chain.

By building strategic Eurocluster partnerships, MAT4EU will identify key collaborations needed to promote the development and adoption of advanced materials across Europe.



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MAT4EU is a European project aimed at strengthening collaboration among regional advanced materials ecosystems, supporting SMEs in innovation and internationalisation, and promoting the development of sustainable, competitive advanced materials solutions across Europe.

The project will help European SMEs enhance their technological capabilities, develop innovative products and services, and contribute to the green and digital transitions.

The MAT4EU project runs from **1 October 2025 to 30 September 2028** and is co-funded by the European Union under the **Single Market Programme (SMP) – Euroclusters call**.